



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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SEP 21 2017

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Nicole Blasing, Supervisor  
North Central Regional Unit  
Municipal Wastewater Section  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
7678 College Road  
Suite 105  
Baxter, MN 56425

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Review of the Pre-public Notice NPDES Permit No. MN0023094 for the Cold Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Ms. Blasing:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Pre-public Notice National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, fact sheet, and supporting documents for the Cold Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Permit No. MN0023094 received on May 31, 2017. Based on our review, EPA would not object to issuance of this permit. However, EPA recommends you consider EPA's August 21, 2017, comments to MPCA as you work to finalize the public notice draft permit. Our position could change if any of the following occur:

- a. Prior to the date of issuance of the Public Notice (Draft Permit) or Post-Public Notice (Proposed Permit), an effluent guideline or standard is promulgated which is applicable to the permit and which would require revision or modification of a limitation or condition set forth in the Pre-Public Notice Permit;
- b. A decision is made to grant or deny a variance applicable to the permittee and the Draft or Proposed Permit is modified to incorporate the results of that decision;
- c. Additional revisions are incorporated into the Draft or Proposed Permit which have not been agreed to by EPA; or
- d. EPA learns of new information, including as the result of public comments, which causes EPA to reconsider its position.

Subject to the above conditions, the permit may be issued in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

When the Proposed Permit is issued, please forward a copy and any significant comments received during any public notice period to [r5npdes@epa.gov](mailto:r5npdes@epa.gov). Please include the NPDES number, facility name, and the words "Proposed Permit" in the message title. If you have any technical questions related to EPA's review, please contact Jodie Opie at (312) 353-1938 or at [opie.jodie@epa.gov](mailto:opie.jodie@epa.gov).

Thank you for your assistance during the review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Ireland", written in a cursive style.

D. Scott Ireland, Chief  
Section 1, NPDES Programs Branch

cc: Holly Kvittem, MPCA, electronically  
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